Principal’s Notes

Year 12:
I have had a lot of feedback about the final assembly for our Year 12 students and about the Year 12 Dinner over the last week. I must agree with the sentiments that have been expressed. That is overwhelmingly that the assembly and the dinner were an outstanding reflection of the positive culture of Baimbridge College, its students and staff. The celebrations reflected a very respectful, caring and good natured relationship between our college, its students, parents and staff. I would like to think that the positive relationships that we saw reflected last week will continue into the future of Baimbridge College. I would also like to thank those members of our community who made the effort to pass on the positive comments. Thank you!

Year 12 Exams:
These began yesterday with the English exam and will continue until mid to late November for many of our students. I would like to again wish our students good luck with their exams and trust that they all earn their way into their desired course of tertiary education and future career.

Student Leaders:
The process for determining 2014 student leaders is now concluded. Our School Captains were elected last week and I would like to congratulate Stephanie Granziera and Alex McIntyre to represent the school and student body next year. They will of course be capably supported by student leaders, Tyler Fehsler, Darcy McCallum, Sophie Gilbert and Mikaela McCallum. Our Music Captains are Kelly Sarena and May Udarbe and the House captains can now be announced publicly. Congratulations to Kyrra Leigh & Leah Williams from Laver, Cameron Delahoy & Bec Vankalken from Bradman, Tom Fitzgerald & Maddie Elliott from Fraser and Jackie Barker & Kelsey Lester from Cuthbert.

Welcome:
I am delighted to welcome Mr Roger Lewis to Baimbridge College. Mr Lewis will take over the position of Integration Co-ordinator. He comes with considerable experience in the field and I ask that everyone make him feel welcome in his new role.

Italian Visitors:
I have just heard that there are 12 students from Italy waiting to visit us next year for two months. They will arrive in the first week of term three and will stay with us for the full two months. The visit is now confirmed and I would again like to ask for families who are prepared to host one of the students next year. I have had some responses but still need more. If you are interested in this wonderful experience for your family and child please contact me at school so that I can add you to my list.
**Principal’s Notes Continued**

**Poppy Selling:**
Baimbridge College will again be supporting the Hamilton RSL with students selling poppies for Remembrance Day next Thursday and Friday. As usual students will need to return permission slips that are available from our assistant principals and they will need to be in full school uniform in order to be allowed to represent Baimbridge College publicly. Remembrance Day is on Monday 11th November and Year 7 students will attend the ceremony held at Melville Oval and the whole school will observe a silence in a sign of respect during the morning.

**Mark Byron:**
I mentioned in a previous newsletter about Year 11 student Mark Byron participating in the State Constitutional Convention at Parliament House recently. Mark has agreed to write an account of his experience which is included later in the newsletter.

**1:1 Computer Program:**
We are currently in the process of finding a supplier for the individual computers to be offered to 2014 Year 7 students. It was agreed at a recent meeting at school that Year 11 and 12 students will be given the opportunity to participate in the 1:1 computer program the same as students in Year 7 and 8. In this way all students at Baimbridge College will be able to access 21st century learning. Parents will notice that this year our booklists for Year 7 – 10 will replace paper text books with electronic text books making students’ texts much more portable and affordable.

**Compass:**
Your log on details and password were posted out during term III.

The website is baimbridge-co.vic.jdlf.com.au and can be accessed anywhere the internet is available.

**Access to Newsletters:**
Baimbridge College produces a newsletter each week that will be distributed to parents by email or via the Baimbridge College website. To ensure you receive your newsletter please contact our front office on 55722788, so that you can be placed on our email distribution list.

If there are any questions or concerns I urge parents and guardians to contact myself, our Assistant Principals Mr John Hill and Miss Rosemary Morgan or the relevant Co-ordinators.

**HEALTH WARNING**
There are several cases of Gastroenteritis in Hamilton. If your child has symptoms please keep them home so as to limit the spread within the school.

Thank You
2013 Australian Constitutional Conference

On Monday 21st October, 2013 I attended the State Constitutional Convention representing Baimbridge College.

This is a great programme which sees one hundred students from Across Victoria gather at the Parliament House of Victoria, in Melbourne, to debate the nature of Democracy in Australia. The Convention itself was held in the Legislative Assembly. It was a pleasing experience to sit in this grand room and be a part of a stimulating debate about democracy in Australia and how it may, or may not, be improved.

The one hundred students were split into smaller groups of 10 students and we participated in a mock Cabinet Meeting. The aim was to determine a specific course of action to improve democracy in Australia which was then voted on by all the students in attendance.

It was an excellent day which was a highly successful educational event made interesting by the views brought to the Convention by students of many different ethnic and political backgrounds.

Mark Byron  Year 11

Even though your child may be attending their chosen Secondary School in Baimbridge College it is important to be aware of the transition process they will undergo when being recognised as a Secondary student next year.

Glenelg & Southern Grampians LLEN is holding an information evening for parents and students on what to expect. We strongly recommend attendance at this evening to ensure you are well informed and prepared for next year.

Gerard Sheehan
Careers Teacher

ST MARYS XMAS EXPO

Saturday 7th December
Expo in the PAC from 9.30-3.30pm.
With the Parade along Gray Street from 10.30am.
Pre purchase ride wristbands from St Mary’s Primary School.
1=$15
2=$25
3=$40
Or $20 each on the day
Lots of new and exciting traders this year including many local traders, petting zoo and Santa’s Fun land
**MCG Open Day,**
Sunday November 17, 10am to 4pm

**EXPERIENCE THE ‘G LIKE NEVER BEFORE.**

On Sunday November 17, as part of the MCG’s 175th birthday celebrations, we’re opening our doors to you and your friends and family to enjoy our magnificent stadium for free! There will be plenty of fun for the kids!

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**CANTEEN 2013 Term 4**

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